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**Subject:** RE: South Coast AQMD and U.S. EPA AB 617 Meeting\_Follow-Up

Hi Claire and Joel,

This Thursday, March 25th, South Coast AQMD staff will hold a Community Steering Committee meeting for the Eastern Coachella Valley (ECV) AB 617 Community to discuss pesticide use in the community. The California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) will present on ambient air monitoring in California. The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) will present on air pollution and health. Additionally, South Coast AQMD staff will present policy concepts to amend the ECV Community Emissions Reduction Plan in June of 2021. These concepts are tailored to address air quality concerns from the ECV community about pesticides. We want to invite you to listen to the discussion. The meeting information is available at <https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ab-617-ab-134/steering-committees/eastern-coachella-valley/flyer-mar25-2021.pdf?sfvrsn=8>. Also, the meeting materials should be available by COB tomorrow at <https://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/initiatives/environmental-justice/ab617-134/eastern-coachella-valley>.

Additionally, we recently met with Fabiola Estrada from US EPA and Martha Sanchez from DPR. Based on the meeting, our understanding is that a US EPA and DPR joint workshop on pesticides for the Eastern Coachella Valley is still being planned for later this year. As we discussed in early February, a commitment to the workshop as part of the amendment to the ECV Community Emissions Reduction Plan scheduled to be considered by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board in June of 2021 would be helpful. Therefore, South Coast AQMD staff would like to draft language for this commitment and send it to you for review later this week. Does this approach work for you?

If you have any questions about the meeting information above, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Thank you so much. Look forward to more conversations and ways to partner.

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On Feb 5, 2021, at 11:50 AM, Daniel Garcia <[dgarcia@aqmd.gov](mailto:dgarcia@aqmd.gov)> wrote:

Hi Claire and Joel,

It was a pleasure meeting with U.S. EPA staff on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the South Coast AQMD's AB 617 program in the Eastern Coachella Valley. As a follow-up to our meeting, we are providing some background information on the AB 617 program in the Eastern Coachella Valley; including, a list of links to the Eastern Coachella Valley community boundary, Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP), Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) and other useful information.

#### **AB 617 Overview**

California Health and Safety Code Section 4439.1.2, commonly referred to as Assembly Bill (AB) 617 requires local air districts to develop a CERP and CAMP to address the air quality concerns and impacts in communities selected by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). CARB selected the Eastern Coachella Valley community in December 2019. As a result, a Community Steering Committee (CSC) was formed in Eastern Coachella Valley consisting of residents, businesses, local agencies, and community-based organizations. In collaboration with the CSC, South Coast AQMD developed a CERP that the South Coast AQMD Governing Board adopted in December 2020.

#### **Community Story Map and Boundary**

The story map provides a general overview of the community including a summary of the community's demographics and important sources of emissions impacting the community. The community boundary guides where AB 617 resources (e.g., air measurements, incentives, emission reductions) will be focused in the Eastern Coachella Valley community. The story map and community boundary are available at <https://scaqmd-online.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=78391247396f4a91b16285f0297d6e83>

#### **Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP)**

The CERP outlines goals and actions by the Community Steering Committee (CSC), the South Coast AQMD, and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to reduce air pollution in the ECV community and improve public health. The CERP was recently adopted by the South Coast AQMD Board and is available

at <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/Agendas/Governing-Board/2020/2020-Dec4-029.pdf?sfvrsn=6>.

Notably, a few CERP actions to reduce emissions from pesticides and the Greenleaf Desert View Power Plant require consultation and collaboration with U.S. EPA. The actions are outlined by topic below.

### Pesticides

#### *Goal: Reduce Pesticide Emissions and Exposures, Action D*

- Consult with DPR and USEPA Region 9 to provide outreach materials, training, information on personal protective equipment and ways to reduce worker exposure during pesticide application

### Greenleaf Desert View Power Plant

#### *Goal: Reduce Emissions from Greenleaf Desert Power View Plant, Action A*

- Work with the CSC, tribal government and USEPA to:
  - Identify air quality concerns related to Greenleaf Desert View Power Plant (e.g., CSC survey)
  - Compile air quality information about the facility (e.g., emissions, compliance history, applicable air quality regulations, existing air pollution control technologies)
  - Conduct PM monitoring near the facility, identify strategic locations for air quality sensor deployment to capture potential PM2.5 emissions from the facility, and assess the potential impact on the community
  - Develop strategies to reduce emissions and exposure (e.g. planting shrubs, trees and native plants around the perimeter of the facility) from the facility
  - Identify funding to implement weatherization projects and to install and maintain air filtration systems at schools, community centers and homes to reduce exposure to industrial, commercial and other sources.

### **Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP)**

This CAMP was developed for the ECV community through close collaboration between the CSC and South Coast AQMD staff. The CAMP outlines the objectives and strategies for monitoring air pollution in ECV based on the air quality priorities identified by the CSC to support effective implementation of the CERP. The CAMP is available at [http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ab-617-ab-134/camps/ecv/ecv-camp\\_11-13-2020\\_draft.pdf?sfvrsn=4](http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ab-617-ab-134/camps/ecv/ecv-camp_11-13-2020_draft.pdf?sfvrsn=4). Also, additional information about air monitoring activities in Eastern Coachella Valley is available at <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/initiatives/community-efforts/environmental-justice/ab617-134/ab-617-community-air-monitoring/communities/eastern-coachella-valley-community-air-monitoring>.

### **Eastern Coachella Valley AB 617 Webpage**

The Eastern Coachella Valley AB 617 webpage hosts all CSC meeting materials and other relevant information. The webpage is available at <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/initiatives/community-efforts/environmental-justice/ab617-134/eastern-coachella-valley>

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Please let us know if we can provide additional information that would be useful to U.S. EPA staff.

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